

REMARKS

The specification filed on March 15, 2004 was filed in Japanese. A verified translation of the specification is submitted concurrently with this amendment.

A substitute specification and an amendment to the vertical axis legend for Fig. 1 are provided. These amendments are based on the concurrently submitted verified translation. The amendments introduce no new matter.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #038788.53357US).

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. The sheet includes both Figs. 1 and 2. The amendment changes the title of the vertical axis from "EXPANSION COEFFICIENT" to "SAMPLE LENGTH". This conforms the vertical axis of Fig. 1 with the vertical axis of Fig. 4. No new matter is introduced.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet